

# South Junction Creek / Raft River

3/2/01

John Mabey

Price #1300  
→ 11-493

11-528 → Price  
1892

Hal Amidon - ambiguity in the priority date on  
General rule of law - you can have ambiguities cleared  
up by further adjudication or further reconsideration  
of the ~~the~~ issues.

Would like regulation - measuring devices & a commission.

Hal had heard he had the best water right on the ranch.

Hal found old ranch hands who worked on the ranch  
in question.

Hal found certificate dated 1883 in County recorder's  
office.

C.E. Colton - original owner/home steader,  
Beus - next owner.

Mrs. Firth said they never heard of Colton - only Beus.

Don

Mrs. Firth -

Lynn family came in from Great Falls 1882  
staked claims - started plowing ditches from creeks  
Personally started 1948 - his wife is a granddaughter  
to Lyons - He bought 500 acres 1 mile south of  
RS. in 1950.

1951 - Soil Conservation Service - he was chairman  
but then they started to move - sage brush  
plowed up and grass coming back in. Started  
on water improvements - pipelines.

1921 - original reservoir - 0

1938/39 - expanded its. to about 400 AF.

Soil Cons Dist. encouraging dev. of water resources.

SCS did planning & eng. - doubled size of  
Lynn Res. - spearheaded mostly by Lynn brothers.

Mr. Frost had 65 acres above Lynn Res. - total  
Another 100 acres or so - has all been irrigated  
since it was homesteaded.

He went in on reservoir. - they were ~~about~~ 5 members  
in the reservoir co.

SCS did all the engineering & permits - owners did  
all the work of building it. loan from Utah  
Water & Power Board - had to turn over all  
their water rights - did a thorough research  
In the PCT - they are listed in the name of the  
Utah Water Board.

When they built the reservoir the second time there  
was a court case protesting the construction.

In 1951 - weirs were put into the Creek below  
the reservoir.

In the winter the high flow into the reservoir goes 25 cfs.  
into the reservoir, in the summer - the low of 4 cfs.

above  
Lynn  
Reservoir

Lynnmore Creek Reservoir 1950

Soil Bank

Road Canyon - about 8 AF for overnight storage

~~others said  
to have  
irrigators  
ever come up  
water to get.~~

In his recollection - there was never a question by  
other area areas about the water they were getting  
Briggs Ranch

Mr. Briggs never did come up to get water.

Keith Nelson - people used to flood fields - water  
returned to creek and it was used over and over  
again.

Then the sprinklers came into the area and changed  
the return flow pattern - ~~so~~

A good spring will soak up the ground and  
the creek will make water down through it. A  
dry year ~~will~~ the creek will dry up.

Glen Briggs - started irrigating w/ heavy machinery. <sup>+ did a lot of work.</sup>

~~Keith doesn't believe Glen ever had a house  
or did much irrigating~~ Tom Teeter - the others don't  
think he was ever a ranch hand for the Beers ranch.

They feel there is less water than they used to be.

Irrigators used to flood irrigate early & fill  
up the soil profile - ~~so~~ it would create return flow  
all summer.

Keith Nelson doesn't remember the reservoir ever being dry.

~~What is  
reservoir~~

Measuring water into the reservoir & out  
Priority date

On a typical year - not a dry year, not a wet year.

How long into the year does the water flow into the reservoir? - just about year around

~~possible~~ Mr. Ward -

irrigates in Idaho - last year was very dry - the water would not go as far as it usually does.

~~got~~ In the 1950's - about 17 inches of rainfall/yr.  
today there is about 11 inches/yr

There doesn't seem to be the snowpack that there used to be.

~~What~~

Source on stage gauges?

What does the file say for 11-528 - what is on the file.